

**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009
LOUISVILLE AT WORK TEAM**

**Team Leaders Meeting Summary
April 27, 2009**

- Rick Johnstone reported that since the work teams will not be meeting this week, the next Team Leaders meeting will be scheduled for May 11th.
- Kim Allen presented an update on the competitive grants process and reported that the Local Youth Mentoring application was not submitted as anticipated. The program requires a community partnership that was spearheaded by the Community Collaborative for Youth, which included a number of youth and faith-based organizations. Kim will contact the lead agency to obtain additional details. As of April 28th, six ARRA competitive grants will have been submitted.
- Members discussed concerns about the possibility of competing grant applications that could negatively impact chances for federal funding. It is hoped that bringing internal and external stakeholders together in the work teams will enhance communication, provide a forum for establishing community priorities, and promote collaborative rather than competing efforts. Although it may not be possible to limit competition, work teams were encouraged establish lines of communication with key stakeholders and share information regarding upcoming grant opportunities. At the present, the Mayor is only signing-off on internal Metro projects and it remains unclear whether he will be asked to certify all local grant applications.
- Beth Niblock reported that Accountability/Oversight Training will be presented at a mandatory meeting of Metro Business Managers on April 28th from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- Rick Johnstone distributed color-coded copies of a new ARRA Project & Grant Hotsheet to track federal deadlines and the status of grant applications/projects. Projects coded green are on target, while yellow are slightly off schedule, and red indicates that a project is either seriously off schedule or a deadline has been missed. Work Team leaders were asked to send Susan activity schedules that they would like to have included on the hotsheet. Work Team leaders were reminded that their one-page project trackers are due April 30th.
- Attendees received copies of a new certification form to be signed by the Mayor on all infrastructure projects. The form will need to be completed on each project, including projects that are currently underway, and will need to be in place before any funding is received.
- Although specific accountability requirements have not been released, the need for transparency was reiterated. The emphasis on openness is posing new challenges for agencies who are attempting to post extensive bid information for public viewing. It is the goal of Metro Government to ensure that all procedures and guidelines are being strictly followed and to be well positioned to receive funding that is not spent or pulled from other jurisdictions for noncompliance. Rick Johnstone has reviewed stimulus activity and websites of other cities and believes that Louisville Metro is ahead of the curve.
- Progress reports were presented by each of the Work Team leaders.